

**TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

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Please insert the following text into the specification before paragraph [0001] and its heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of International Patent Application Ser. No. PCT/EP02/02894, filed February 14, 2002, and published in English as WO02/068665 on September 6, 2002, which claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Appl. Ser. No. 60/270,079, filed February 22, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entireties,—

Please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith into the instant specification after the Abstract of the Disclosure on p. 18. The Sequence Listing thus becomes pp. 19-20 of the specification.